

## REPORT OF ASSESSING OFFICE

The Assessing Office has just completed a town-wide update for this year. Tom Sargent, our Town Assessor, completed this in house. This was accomplished with the use of our Vision software program. All went well. Tom met with several property owners with questions and reviews of their property values.

The new values for the year 2008 were based on market value as of April 1, 2008.

These values can be viewed by going to [www.visionappraisal.com](http://www.visionappraisal.com) Click on the line database access. Proceed to the NH website. Click on Alton, which is the second one listed. Follow the remaining instruction. This can be viewed by street name, owner's name, or the map, blocks and lot information. There is also a link to this site from the Alton web site [www.alton.nh.gov](http://www.alton.nh.gov) following the same instructions. Please keep in mind that this is for *informational* purposes only and *not* an official document. The official assessment card can be obtained at the Assessing Office in the Town Hall.

In April of 2009, the Assessor will be reviewing market information so as to decide if the town will need another town-wide update for that current year. The town is currently going through a total measure and inspection of all properties in Alton. The last time that this had been accomplished was in 1995. All property owners will be notified of this visit ahead of time. This will be accomplished by a certified measurer and lister. The measure and lister's name is Skip Cutting. Skip was formerly an assessor in several towns in New Hampshire. He is highly qualified for the job here in Alton.

In August of 2008 the town hired Dennis Thorell as our town forester. Dennis is a NH Licensed Professional Forester and has just retired from the NH Department of Revenue with his experience in timber appraisal. Dennis reviews all intents to cut as well as reports of cut with his recommendations and comments. We are glad to have Dennis on board to assist and advise in these matters.

The Assessing Office is currently reviewing all veterans' credits and elderly exemptions to prepare for the upcoming NH Department of Revenue 2010 certification review.

Anyone wishing to apply for the veterans' tax credit and/or elderly exemptions must do so by April 15, 2009. This also applies for the current use application.

The Assessing Office staff is here to assist the Alton property owners. We welcome your questions and are here to help through each phase of the assessing process. This also includes current use issues, intent to cuts and excavation questions. Our office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can reach us at 875-2167 or visit us in person at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
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